

## **Andrew Jackson to Robert Hays, September 9, 1801, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

**TO ROBERT HAYS.**

Jonesborough, September 9, 1801

. . . . In my last I requested your advice on the subject of holding a pole for Congress, since which I have been importuned nay I may say pressed by some to let my name run. On the other hand I am pressed by the Barr to remain upon the Bench. one event has taken place, that I believe will determine me to remain where I am—and you may believe me when I say it is motives of Publick good.

Mr. Hugh L White who is really a lawyer has said upon the Terms that I would not leave the Judiciary, that he would accept the appointment of Judge if elected. he is a young man of cleverness, really, the la[w]yer and I have not a doubt but he will be the choice of the Legislature, and will fill Judge Roanes Seat with as much honour to himself and Benefit to the Publick, as any Legal Charector in our State. Certainly the filling of Judge Roan seat in the Judiciary by such a charector, is and ought to be the wish of every Citizen—and nothing can be of greater importance to the State. To have this done is my greatest wish, and If my remaining on my present seat will be condusive to the object it is a duty I owe my country to do so. But upon the event that Mr White is not elected or some legal charector in whose Legal talents I can place as much confidence I will retire to my farm, and domesticate myself.

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I hope Sir that ere this you can Tell which of our coats are the best coursers. will you inform me if opportunity offers whether there will be a course this fall on cumberland . . . .